

[English]

EXPORT OF SILK YARN TO CHINA

1484. Shri V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow export of silk yarn to China in the near future;

(b) if so, the type of silk yarn and the quantity likely to be exported; and

(c) the foreign exchange that would be earned from this export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

EXPORT OF LEATHER AND LEATHER GOODS

1485. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI C. P. MUDALA GIRI-YAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the export of leather and leather goods are likely to decline sharply unless the pentachlorophenol (PCP) content in leather goods is reduced considerably; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps have been taken:—

(i) The use of Pentachlorophenol (PCP) in the country has been prohibited.

(ii) Testing facilities have been set up for estimating PCP content in leather.

(iii) Alternative preservatives viz., Thio - cyanomethylthi - obenzothiazole (TCMTB) and Parachloro-metacresol (PCMC) have been identified as effective substitutes for PCP and the import duties on these chemicals have been substantially reduced to facilitate wider use.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO JUTE DEVELOPMENT FUND

1486. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to the Jute Development Fund since its inception, year-wise;

(b) the funds actually spent by the Jute Development Fund so far year-wise; and

(c) the reasons for not fully utilising the allocated funds by the Jute Development Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) A statement is given below.

(c) The schemes under the Special Jute Development Fund are in various stages of implementation for which funds are released on demand after ensuring utilisation of previous releases. Funds have not been utilized to the expected levels especially in respect of schemes for the benefit of workers in the industry. The scheme for rehabilitation of labour in closed Mills could not be implemented since mills are not permitted to be officially closed and some mills are showing a tendency to close down and reopen at intervals. Funds for rehabilitation of labour retrenched due to modernisation have not been utilised since no package has been sanctioned to render any workers surplus. Thus training and bank finance scheme for surplus workers has remained a non-starter.

STATEMENT

a) and (b) The allocation and releases made upto 30-6-91 in respect of various schemes under Special Jute Development Fund are as follows :—

S. No.	Purpose	Allocation	Utilisation
1.	Jute Agricultural Development Programme	Rs. 25 crores	Rs. 18 crores
2.	Assistance to JCI and its Cooperative procurement Agencies	Rs. 10 crores	Rs. 2 crores
3.	Product diversification and R&D Support	Rs. 10 crores	Rs. 8 crores
4.	Schemes for the benefit of workers in the Jute Industry :		
(a)	Labour Rehabilitation Scheme in respect of closed jute mills.	Rs. 10 crores	—
(b)	Labour Rationalisation Scheme linked to Modernisation	Rs. 22.50 crores	—
(c)	Part payment of outstanding dues of workers in respect of P.F. and E.S.I. linked to modernisation	Rs. 16 crores	Rs. 1.67 crores
(d)	Training and Bank Finance Scheme for the surplus workers of Jute Industry	Rs. 5 crores	—
	Total	Rs. 98.50 crores	Rs. 29.67 crores
	or say :	Rs. 100 crores	

AD-HOC EMPLOYEES IN DEPARTMENT OF COMPANY AFFAIRS

1487. SHRI V. N. SHARMA : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees in the Department of Company Affairs including the Office of the Registrar of Companies, who were employed on ad-hoc basis and who were given a break of one day in their service after 89 days and who have obtained stay from the Central Administrative Tribunal against such break;

(b) whether such employees are working for more than five years;

(c) the policy of the Government to regularise their services; and

(d) whether these employees are denied annual increment and if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) 10 Employees working in the